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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Geography Division, ORF

Project Initiation Memorandum

To: **A/Chief, Geographic Research**

Project No.: **61.1787**

From: **A/Chief, Geography Division**

Date: **20 July 1959**

1. Subject of Proposed Project: **Background on Kerala, India's Communist State.**
2. Statement of Problem: (Outline to be attached)
The recent and continuing disorders in Kerala are closely tied to certain elements in the geography of the state. The purpose of the project is to describe this little-known area and analyze its geographic elements as they provide meaningful background for analyses of the situation there. The proposed project will provide a summation of pertinent physical and cultural geographic data, and will emphasize the problem of population pressure on the available arable land. A brief analysis of population distribution patterns, including the three major religious communities of the state, will be included. As appropriate, note will be taken of other regions of India having similar basic problems.
3. Requester: **Self-initiated.**
4. Responsible Analyst and Branch: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired from:
 - a. Other Divisions of the G Area (include maps):
Probably two small maps to be prepared by D/GC.
 - b. D/GL Domestic Procurement:
None.
 - c. Other parts of CIA:
Coordination with OCI.
 - d. Outside CIA:
Coordination with Department of State.
6. Estimated Man Hours in D/GC: **100.**
7. Probable Completion Date: **August 1959**
8. Probable Form of Final Publication: **CIA/RR GM**
9. Recommendations Regarding Distribution of Finished Report:
Standard for GM with USIB community.
10. Comments:

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timely a month ago. - OEG

Assistant Director, ORF

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